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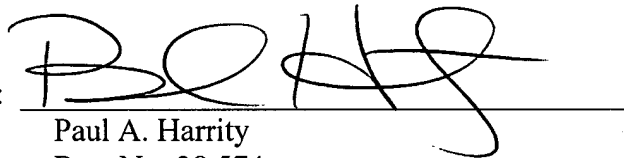
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Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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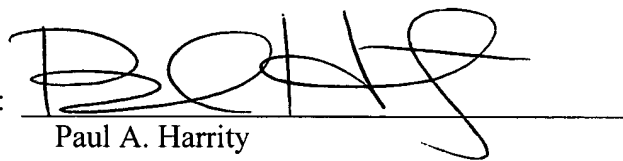
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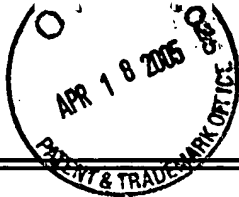
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	International Search Report, PCT/US2004/033251, February 2, 2005, 5 pages.						
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